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## “BLACK ICE” COMEDY SHORT FILM TACKLES RACE VIA THE WHITEST SPORT IN THE WORLD

Directed by Brent Bishop & Gregory F Tuzin, Written by Dwayne Perkins  
Starring Scott Thompson, Baron Vaughn, Tone Bell, the Sklar Brothers, and more

**WHAT:** **BLACK ICE** is a comedy short film in the format of a 'mock trailer' for a feel-good blockbuster about the world's first African American Olympic Curling team. The film follows washed-up Curling legend Jerry and his ragtag team of underdogs, Jerry's Curlers, as they fight to break the color barrier and reach Olympic Gold. The comedy tackles the issue of race while playfully paying homage to 80s sports epics like *Cool Runnings* and *Rocky* as well as color barrier think-pieces like *Ali* and *42*.

**WHO:** Directed by Brent Bishop & Gregory F Tuzin, written by Dwayne Perkins (*Take Note* Netflix Special). Starring Scott Thompson (*Kids in the Hall*), Baron Vaughn (*Grace & Frankie*, and Comedy Central's upcoming *New Negroes*), Tone Bell (*Disjointed*), the Sklar Brothers (ESPN's *Cheap Seats*), Rawle D Lewis (*Cool Runnings*), Gale Harold (*Deadwood*), Bashir Salahuddin (*GLOW*), and Allan Havey (*Mad Men*).

**WHERE:** Shot on location in Los Angeles, available for free online: [bishoptuzin.com/blackice](http://bishoptuzin.com/blackice)

**WHY:** In today's polarized social climate, where overt discrimination and racial violence echo the turbulence of bygone eras, and every blithely vanilla 80s cliché is back in vogue, filmmakers Brent Bishop & Gregory F Tuzin team up with writer/comedian Dwayne Perkins to create a smart, irreverent, hilariously silly comedy—employing epic themes and cinematic tropes to shine a light on the absurdity of racism.

Drawing upon a host of pop influences, including racially-charged 80s satires like *Trading Places*, **BLACK ICE** sets an amazing cast of up-and-coming African American actors against the ultimate symbol of the lily-white establishment: the time-honored sport of Curling and its reigning champions, the villainous Team Canada.

The ice gets hot, and this short scratches the film connoisseur's every itch: the obligatory training montage, the Oscar-nodding inspirational speech by Coach Jerry (Scott Thompson), the tearjerking father-son reunion (in which Rawle D Lewis revisits his dramatic turns in *Cool Runnings*), and even an “Eye of the Tiger-esque” original theme song—[Stone's Throw Away](#). Clamor for the feature film has already begun!

Seemingly unaware of its own epic ludicrousness, **BLACK ICE** uses some very funny and familiar themes to share a serious message in a silly way.

**WHEN:** Now! The newly released **BLACK ICE** just debuted online as a toast to the 2018 Winter Olympics and Team USA's historic Olympic Gold in Curling.

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